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**Priests of the Institute of Charity
(Rosminians)**

Deacon Jerry Thomas

Deacon Dick Beaudry

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Vigil Mass (Saturday):

4:30 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday Masses: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.,
and 4:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Thursday: 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Rosary 25 minutes before each Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday thru Friday

After 8:00 Morning Mass to 4:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30-4:15 p.m.

First Friday: 7:30 a.m.

or Anytime by Appointment with Priest

July 1, 2012

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion. To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian."

George Washington

Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday	June 30
4:30 p.m.	†Bud Doege by the Family
6:30 p.m.	Spanish Mass
Sunday	July 1
9:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 a.m.	†Alejandro Ramos by Chito & Malou Ocampo
4:30 p.m.	Deceased Members of The Jean Hunt Family by Jean Hunt
Monday	July 2
8:00 a.m.	†Bill Sbuttoni
Tuesday	July 3
8:00 a.m.	†Nicholas Paul Peckos by Tom & Theresa Peckos
Wednesday	July 4
9:00 a.m.	†John Hunt by Jean Hunt
Thursday	July 5
8:00 a.m.	†Pat Byrne Thomas by Billie Morrow
6:30 p.m.	Spanish Mass
Friday	July 6
8:00 a.m.	†Ann Maliaros by Susan Soleau
Saturday	July 7
4:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
6:30 p.m.	Spanish Mass
Sunday	July 8
9:00 a.m.	Intention of Isabel F. Arguelles by Vergelina Thompson & Family
11:00 a.m.	†Cici James & Martha Alcée by Marlene Hill
4:30 p.m.	Tithing Parishioners of St. Francis

Please notify the parish office if you or a loved one are sick or in the hospital. If you have noticed a name of a loved one removed (which we will do after a month) from our Prayer List, please accept our apologies and re-contact the office with his or her name. Thank you.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for those who are ill, homebound, or confined to hospitals and nursing homes, especially for the following:

Fr. Chris Fitzgerald, Judy Mark Peterson, Kathy Allard, Pat Allen, Mary Petrus, Rev. Joseph Presley, Baron, Ernest Berard, Don I.C., Lillian Pezzutti, Mary Bowdoin, Brittany Bourassa, Price, Pat Racic, Julia Jimmy & James Burke, Rafferty, June Fay Roberts, Coleen Byrd, Michael Jimmie Rydzewski, Enriqe Casagrande, Mary Ann Sandova, Catherine Schae-Casale, William Castillo, fer, Mary Schembri, Anna Kenneth Castle, Frank Shoemaker, George Silva, Celani, Eileen Cianciatto, Josie Silva, Mike Silva, Carmen Connors, Jean Kade Smith, Liz Smith, Davis, Lindsey Davis, Ed- Jeanne Steadham, Evelyn ward DeMars, Delia Devine, Steen, Stanton Sullivan, Ann Tony Diolosa, Catherine & Marie Sullivan, Bernadette Harry Donohue, James Ev- Suppa, Richard Swick, ans, Edith Ferris, Bernard & David Tart, Carol Tickle, Marilyn Ferris, Jeannine Frank & Tatiana Tuanama, Fournier, Fred Franceschini, Keith Tyner, Sr., Keith Kenny Gay, Mary Geraci, Tyner, Jr., Betty Valleri, Rodrigo Giron, Bobby Gor- Eddie Vazquez, Al Veinotte, man, Samuel Gray, Debbie Alice Veinotte, Lucy Vessa, Herrick Haggerty, Charlie Gabriel Wagner, Barbara Homs, Theresa Jurewicz, Wellen, Margaret Wells, Helen Kate, Dorothy Kathleen Wright, Mary Landis, June Louche, Carol Woodard, Shirley Zaccari, Lukban, Nancy Marino, Mary Zani, Justin Zeigler, John McFaul, Hector Mildred Zimmerman and the Melendez, Alberta Migue, Homebound and their Care- Heidi Louise Miller, Jacob givers and the repose of the Orth, Helen O'Connor, souls of Chloe Delaney,

A Patient's Prayer

God, I am tired of this whole hospital experience. In fact, I am fed up with it. I'm bored. The days and nights just drag by. The routine of sleeping and eating, temperature and blood pressure taking is about to get me down. The noise in the hallway bothers me, too. I want to go home.

You don't have to tell me. I know what my problem is, I need to be more patient. I can't expect to get well overnight. Healing takes time. Strength doesn't return with the snap of my fingers.

So make me aware that if I can endure a little longer, these experiences will be behind me. And when I look back on them, they won't seem as frustrating as they do right now.

Amen.

Today's Readings

First Reading — God did not make death, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading — Your abundance should supply the needs of the others (2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15).

Gospel — Your faith has saved you (Mark 5:21-43 [21-24, 35b-43]).

Jesus' Example of Helping Others

In today's second reading Paul offers a wonderful argument to his converts at Corinth for seeking to help those in need. He is dealing with a practical problem, arranging a collection for the poor of the church of Jerusalem; but as he often does, he develops an important teaching about Jesus to make his point.

After asking that they show their faith by generous gifts, he reminds them of the "gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). In the Incarnation our Lord assumed our human nature, certainly becoming poor for one who is God. The ultimate gracious act of this poverty was going to the cross with all its terrible sufferings. By this act of poverty we definitely become rich. Now our sins can be forgiven; we can share in the very life of God through the sacraments; we can attain eternal salvation!

Readings for the Week

Monday: Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Psalms 50:16b-23; Matthew 8:18-22

Tuesday: Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalms 117:1bc, 2; John 10:24-29

Wednesday: Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Psalms 50:7-13, 16bc-17; Matthew 8:28-34 or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For Public Needs," nos. 882- 886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891

Thursday: Amos 7:10-17; Psalms 19:8-11; Matthew 9:1-8

Friday: Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Psalms 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday: Amos 9:11-15; Psalms 85:9-14; Matthew 9:14-17

Sunday: Ezekiel 2:2-5; Psalms 123:1-4; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6a

Welcome to St. Francis of Assisi!

We extend a special welcome to all our visitors and new parishioners who have come to celebrate Mass with us today! If you are new to our community, please introduce yourself to our clergy. If you live in this area and attend regularly, we invite you to join our parish of St. Francis of Assisi. Registration is necessary for better care of souls, more effective administration of sick calls, and matters pertaining to baptism, education, marriage and burial.

Registration is very easy and the green "Parish Registration" cards can be found in the pamphlet holder above the table in the lobby. After completing, please place in the Parish Drop Box, located in the door by the water fountain in the lobby.

Treasures From Our Tradition

The pilgrim experience of going by foot to Santiago de Compostella, the shrine of St. James, reaches its high point a month from now at the feast of the Apostle. By now, tens of thousands of pilgrims are already on the road. Typically, they cover twelve to twenty miles a day through rough territory. The difficult journey and the often primitive lodging facilities are made bearable by the joy of the pilgrims, their songs and prayers. When their journey is documented properly, they receive the scallop shell, a reminder not only of James the fisherman, but also his call to fish for human beings and to baptize the nations. In the Middle Ages, those who wore this badge on their hats were granted lodging and hospitality wherever they went. Next to the palm, the sign of a Jerusalem pilgrim, the scallop shell was most highly prized.

In the Middle Ages, some people so enjoyed the pilgrim road, although it was filled with discomfort and danger, that they spent most of their lives on the road. Today, some people take up the route for exercise, but are drawn gradually into the spirituality of the journey. As you make your summer travels, always fold in an element of pilgrimage: a long walk through beautiful countryside, a visit to a church, a prayer of gratitude for your journey through life's hills and valleys.

Foundation

The will of the people is the only legitimate foundation of any government, and to protect its free expression should be our first object.

~Thomas Jefferson



God our Father,
Giver of life,
we entrust the **United States of America**
to Your loving care.

**You are the rock on which this nation was founded.
You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to
life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.**

**Reclaim this land for Your glory and
dwell among Your people.**

**Send Your Spirit to touch the
hearts of our nation's leaders.
Open their minds to the great worth of human life
and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.
Remind Your people that true happiness
is rooted in seeking and doing Your will.**

**Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate,
Patroness of our land,
grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death."
Lead us into a new millennium of life.**

**We ask this through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.**

Please remember to pray for our troops, especially:

**Karen Castillo
Aran Miller
Jarred Taracido
Joseph Michalek
Juan Cruz
Christian Morelo
Adam Murray
Kris Urquhart
Stefan Tyska
Mickey Reese
John Openlander Jr.
John Andrew Marple
James E. Desaulniers
Joshua J. Desaulniers
Kenneth Urquhart
Aaron C. Lint**

**Daniel Hutton
Lawrence Morgan Null
Raymond Barreto Chang
Christopher Heacox
Ryan Levy Cruz
Jeff Calvani
Robert Lewis
Greg Bender
Shawn Fleegel
Ryan Hurley
J.P. Zotomayor
James Angelo
Helen Castillo
Derrick M. Shea
Rafael E. Santiago
Brittany L. Jones Baker**

**Devon Michael Callicoa
Matt Daniels
Jack Vine
Jesse Witt
Bernard Ferris, Jr.
Adam Baker
Cameron Trinkle
Zachary Trinkle
Brandon Trinkle
Nathan Berry
Dan Holder
Jesse Doyle**



Thank you for your service!

Ministries Schedule July 7th & July 8th**Saturday - 4:30 p.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Silva, D.**Altar Servers:** Lee, E.; Lee, M.**Lector:** Toles, C.**E.M.H.C.:** Toles, C. & C., Bristol; Castillo; Harris; Hussey; Lanctot**Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Plourde, H.**Altar Servers:** Herrick, D; LePochat, P.**Lector:** Nunes, P.**E.M.H.C.:** Tetreault; Veinotte; Boucher; Bull; Chordas; Ellis; Kroll; Leone**Sunday - 11:00 a.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Mabe, J.**Altar Servers:** Harper, K; Harper, M.**Lector:** Carr, K.**E.M.H.C.:** DiRisio; Mattice; Mussenden; Smith; Nieves, E. & F.; Quintas, J. & T.; Vazquez**Sunday - 4:30 p.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Hill, M.**Altar Servers:** Sweeney Family**Lector:** LePochat, C.**E.M.H.C.:** Murray, A.; Sweeney; Whitehead**Eucharistic Adoration**

Monday - Friday..... 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Legion of Mary

Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Novena to Our Lady, Queen of Peace

Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

First Friday: 7:30 a.m.

or anytime by appointment with priest.

Anointing of the Sick

For those going into the hospital for surgery: available anytime, but particularly during daily Mass.

Baptisms

After required instruction, contact parish office.

Marriage

Contact office at least six months before desired date and before setting date.

Business Office Hours

Monday - Friday..... 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**This Week at St. Francis****July 1 — 7, 2012**

Monday July 2	Baptism Class	7:30 p.m.
	Men's Emaus Group	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday July 3	Legion of Mary	8:30 a.m.
	Pope John XXIII Prayer Grp.	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday July 4	Happy 4th of July! Parish Office Closed	4:30 p.m.
Thursday July 5	Bible Study	8:30 a.m.
Saturday July 7	Hispanic Choir Practice	5:00 p.m.

Independence Day, July 4th

We celebrate a special Mass on this day at **9 a.m. instead of the usual 8 a.m.** Our Knights of Columbus will provide a Guard-of-Honor and we invite **all military veterans and active duty to come in uniform**

and process into church.

Military Vocations

The Knights of Columbus established a new scholarship program to help fund the education of seminarians preparing to become Catholic chaplains in the U.S.

Armed Forces. The need for chaplains is dire; there are but 280 priests assigned to the U.S. Military Archdiocese - **520 short of the need.** The Knights of Blessed Antonio Council here at St. Francis are seeking your monetary help for this scholarship program next weekend after all the Masses. Please help if you can. **Thank you.**

Pilgrimage in Honor of Our Blessed Mother -**October 8 – 15, 2012**

You are invited to join us! Fr. Arthur Proulx, from Nativity, and Msgr. Robert Gibbons, from St. Paul's (St. Pete), will be our spiritual hosts on an 8-day Marian pilgrimage. We will fly to Lisbon, Portugal and visit the Village of Fatima. Journey through Spain, visiting Salamanca and Burgos, and on to the Blessed Sacrament Procession and healing waters of Lourdes, France. We close with a visit to Montserrat, Spain, and return flight from Barcelona.

\$3128 per person/double occupancy **includes** airfare (from Tampa), hotels, guided touring, breakfasts/dinners, tips, entrance fees, taxes. **\$1800 deposit will get you registered.**

Optional 3-night 2-day 'on-own' extension available 10/15-10/18 to **Paris** for **\$548.** Contact **Amy or Greg Stanton at 813-681-5312 or stanton3@verizon.net** ASAP if interested.

(Registration after July 6 may be possible, but may result in additional fees.) **Space is limited.**

33rd National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG)



The **National Veterans Wheelchair Games** is the largest annual multi-event sports and rehabilitation program in the world open to U.S. military service veterans who use wheelchairs for sports competition due to spinal cord injuries, certain neurological conditions, amputations or other mobility impairments. Presented by Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the Games are committed to fostering better physical and mental health for veterans with disabilities through sports competition. **The NVWG will launch in Tampa, Florida on July 12 and continue for six action-packed days** of competition, camaraderie and courage as **600+ veteran athletes** participate in 17 different sporting events. The sporting events include archery, basketball, quad rugby, bowling, track and field, nine ball, power soccer, softball, swimming, trap shooting and weightlifting to name a few. For more information please contact Sonia Barroso (parishioner) at 813-972-2000 x4340 or 813-843-6872.

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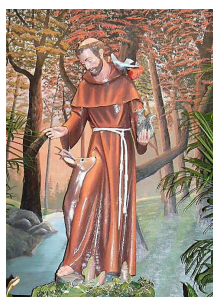
Thank you for your generous support of the essential work of the Holy Father and his charitable acts through the Peter's Pence Collection. Our contributions will be combined with those of our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Benedict reach out to those in need. Your generosity will help to cast Christ's peace upon the world.

Are You Ready for Hurricane Season?

The 2012 Hurricane Preparedness Guide at: www.tbrpc.org/tampabaydisaster/hurricane can be a great help. For residents with medical conditions that require electrical equipment, oxygen, or dialysis, there are 3 county special needs shelters open during an evacuation. These centers are also for those with physical, cognitive, or medical conditions that require assistance from medical professionals. Pre-registration for these shelters is highly encouraged and is accepted year round. Call Kelly Smith at (813) 307-8063 to have a form mailed to you. Also, you can get a form online at www.hillscountyhealth.org. Once registered, every month you will receive a letter giving you the option to register again for another year. Information about pet sheltering is available by calling Hillsborough County Animal Services at (813) 744-5660.

Judy Harris, Parishioner - Faith Community Nursing

St. Francis Chronicle



Blue Jay: He's back, he's back!

Francis: Control yourself, Bluey.....who's back?

Blue Jay: Fr. David, he's back!

Francis: Okay, Okay, so he's back. Does that mean he's fully fit again?

Blue Jay: Francis, you must be sleeping a lot, of course he's not 100% yet even if he looks quite well. No, he is still undergoing tests for his seizures, he's not allowed to drive, and he really should not be saying public Mass yet – but he misses us so much, he says.

Francis: Wow, I never knew he had gone through so much, poor man, I must intercede for his healing.

Blue Jay: Please do, dear saint, the folks really like his Masses, he's lively and he speaks ordinary...

Francis: You mean the others don't?

Blue Jay: Please don't draw me into a controversy, Francis. You surely understand that people differ in their likes and dislikes, even in their preachers.

Francis: Amen to that, even St. Paul found as much in Corinth, remember?

Blue Jay: I believe you, Francis, even if I cannot remember.

Francis: So anyway, Fr. David is back, thank God, and here's hoping and praying that his health continues to improve.

Blue Jay: He will be a great help to Fr. Martin when the pastor is away... but that's another story.

Parish Ministries

Altar Servers

Maria LePochat651-9813

Church Musicians

Ramon Martos

Adam DeMary

Eucharistic Adoration

Susan Soleau689-6914

Faith Formation

Judy Erlandsson.....661-3091

Eucharistic Ministers

Pam Caskey651-1165

Helping Hands

Judy Harris653-0055

Hispanic Ministry

Sonia Barroso651-4038

Hispanic Religious Education

Cristina Garcia.....662-6195

Hispanic Baptism Classes

Maria Elena Parilla.....657-0218

Home/Hospital Visitation

Monica & David Brandies.....654-1969

Knights of Columbus

Tim O'Connor579-7937

Lectors

Alice Murray315-9613

Legion of Mary

Henri Plourde689-3374

Pastoral Council

John Angelo684-2774

Rosary Leader

Dawn Silva649-8957

RCIA

Deacon Dick Beaudry689-0769

Sacristans

Maria Ocampo.....653-3011

Scouts

Kathy & Ted Domey685-8242

Tender Care/Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

John Familetti.....681-9115

Ushers

Ron Mullen.....661-5983

Women's Guild

Theresa Redgrave.....409-3255

Youth Group

Steve Jarosz655-4968

Stewardship of Time & Talent Salute

In gratitude of God's gifts of time and talent to our parish, we acknowledge and salute **Douglas Herrick, Jr., Youth Altar Server...** *Thank you, Douglas!!*

Stewardship Reflection

"...your abundance at the present time should supply their needs..." ~2 Corinthians 8:14

Economic crisis can teach us many valuable stewardship lessons. We are quickly realizing that as individuals and as a society we really did not need everything that we wanted. We are also learning to count our blessings and to see that we have been abundantly blessed by God.

And, hopefully, we are becoming more willing to share our gifts with those who truly are in need.

Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving

Sunday, June 17, 2012

"Charity is above all a hymn of love."

Offertory Collection\$7,266.87

Children's' & Youth Envelope/Contents 1/\$1.00

On Line Giving/Offertory\$1,398.00

Total Offertory for this week\$8,665.87

Total Offertory, week of 2011\$9,445.00

Decrease.....\$779.13

Building Fund.....\$135.00

On Line Giving/Building Fund\$50.00

Total Building Fund for this week\$185.00

Envelopes Issued/Used..... 828/247(30%)

Budgeted Expense This Month\$40,000.00

Total Receipts Month to Date.....\$29,339.46

APA 2012\$702.00

On Line Giving/APA 2012.....\$35.00

Total APA 2012 for this week.....\$737.00

~ Give Generously From Your Heart ~

MASS ATTENDANCE

4:30 p.m. 180 6:30 p.m. 250

9:00 a.m. 244 11:00 a.m. 273

4:30 p.m. 128

Total Attendance: 1,075

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~ For the Week of June 17, 2012 ~

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DINNER MINISTRY BOX DONATIONS

\$232.43

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& Dinner Ministry Collections. Because of your support,
we are able to help those in need.

Thank you and God bless!!